

*Jesus
was in the
wilderness
forty days*

MARK 1:13

1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

The Gathering

Music “As Your Spirit in the Desert”
 by Michael D. Costello

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked
at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
 Who writes the law on our hearts,
 Who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
 In the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Holy God,

C: **We confess that we are caught in snares of sin
 And cannot break free.
 We hoard resources while our neighbors
 Are hungry and cold.
 We speak in ways that silence others.
 We are silent when we should speak up.
 We keep score in our hearts.
 We let hurts grow into hatred.
 For all these things and for sins only you know,
 Forgive us, Lord.
 Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
Breaks every snare of sin,
Washes away our wrongs,
And restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

*Opening Hymn *"A Mighty Fortress is our God"* Red #504

A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

(hymn continued)

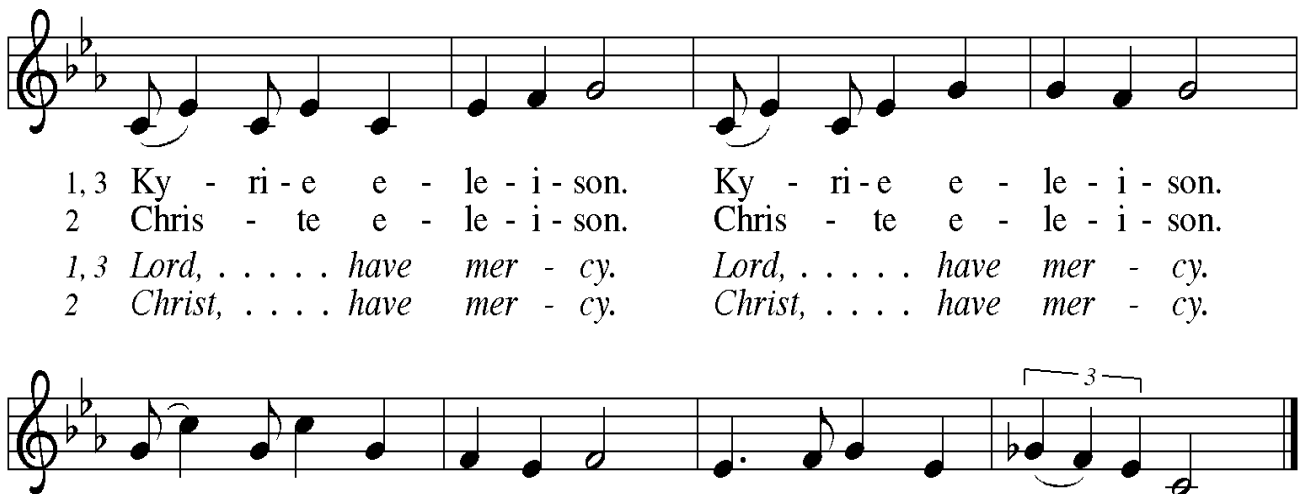
God’s Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom’s ours forever!

*Greeting

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Kyrie—We bring our burdens and cares to God ELW #151

Kyrie



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

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(No Hymn of Praise during Lent)

*The Salutation

P: May God be with you.

C: And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

Celebrate insert pg. 1

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

The Word of God

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Celebrate insert pg. 1

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Celebrate insert pg. 3

R: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st Chapter

C: Glory to you, O God.

*Holy Gospel Mark 1:9-15

Celebrate insert pg. 3

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jim Lapp

*Hymn of the Day

"God Bestows on Every Sense" ACS #1069

God bestows on ev'ry sense
beauty as hope's evidence:
Signs of what the earth will be
just beyond what we can see.

Catch a fleeting glimpse of grace
In an unexpected place;
Just a taste, the smallest crumb
Of the banquet yet to come.

Vibrant pictures in our dreams,
Brushed with crystal color schemes,
Vanish from a waking mind,
Leaving just a trace behind.

In a burnt and blackened field
Broken ground begins to yield
Tiny, fragile sprouts of green;
Hints of forests yet unseen.

God makes all creation new,
Turning back what people do,
Building up what we destroy,
Singing sorrow into joy.

*Prayers of the Church

Celebrate insert pg. 4

*Passing of the Peace

P: May the peace of God be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

*"We give thanks to God for the gifts of life, for grace and forgiveness
for each day, and for everlasting life."*

*Offertory Hymn “Give Me a Clean Heart” Margaret Douroux

Refrain

Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee. For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart, Lord, and I'll follow thee.

1 I'm not asking for the
2 Some-times I am up, and

Fine

Music “Show Me Your Ways O Lord”

*Offertory Prayer

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life
And the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered
That all people may know your goodness.
Feed us not only with this holy food
But with hunger for justice and peace.
We pray this in your name.

C: **Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to God**

P: Let us give thanks to God our Creator

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always
offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ,
who bids us turn to you and prepare for the Paschal feast.

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer (sung)

C: **Our Fa-ther in hea-ven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

For--give us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

P: Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Lamb of God

LMGM2

LAMB OF GOD

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are distributed across six lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins'. The second line contains 'of the world, have mer-cy on us.'. The third line contains 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins'. The fourth line contains 'of the world, have mer-cy on us.'. The fifth line contains 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The sixth line contains 'sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.' and ends with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins

of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins

of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Holy Communion

Visitors: You are welcome to come forward to receive Communion as part of this church family! Children are welcome to come and receive a special blessing if they have never communed. Communion is by intinction, we dip the bread into either the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Please follow the guidance of the ushers.

*Prayer after Communion

P: Generous God,
At this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
Now make us one loaf to feed the world;
In the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

*Post Communion Hymn “Thank You, Lord” ACS #1092

1. Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
2. Been so good, been so good, been so good,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
3. Been my friend, been my friend, been my friend,
I just want to thank you, Lord.
4. Love you, Lord, love you Lord, love you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.

*Blessing

P: Beloved,
We are God's own people,
Holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
Shower you with mercy,
Fill you with courage,
And + give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Post Communion Hymn

ELW #200

Now, Lord

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in
peace: your word has been ful - filled. My
own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of all peo - ple: a light to re -
veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther,
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and
will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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Joyful is the dark, holy, hidden God,
Rolling cloud of night beyond all naming;
Majesty in darkness, energy of love,
Word in flesh, the mystery proclaiming.

Joyful is the dark, Spirit of the deep,
Winging wildly o’er the world’s creation,
Silken sheen of midnight plumage black and bright,
swooping with the beauty of a raven.

Joyful is the dark, shadowed stable floor;
Angels flicker, God on earth confessing,
As with exultation, Mary, giving birth,
Hails the infant cry of need and blessing.

Joyful is the dark, coolness of the tomb,
Waiting for the wonder of the morning;
Never was that midnight touched by dread and gloom;
Darkness was the cradle of the dawning.

Joyful is the dark, depth of love diving,
Roaring, looming thundercloud of glory,
Holy, haunting beauty, living, loving God.
Hallelujah! Sing and tell the story!

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.
C: Thanks be to God.

Music “Let Thy Servants Go in Peace”



Prayer Concerns

SHORT TERM: Rebecca Wickham, Maria, Ila & Reina, Steven Kamlin, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Tom Peyser, Bob Zeigle, Jan, Jessie V., Margaret, Bill Gile, Tim Oldfield, Sierra, Beth's mom, Julie R., James, Anne Rice, Cheryl Davis, Rosie, The Webber Family, Janet, Sue, Lindsay Rosenberg, Middle East

Peace, Maria, Cody Turner, Jan, Jacque N. Diane Strong, Tom Dawson, James, Tina, Lurline Moore, Keith, Taiyo, Marissa, Isaac, James Boudreau, Alvarado family, Dustin, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Father Jack Davis, Sam, Atlas, Sandi Csik, Janica Paustian, Jesse, Joyce, James, John, Elida, Jeannie, Anetta, Jane, Barbara Allen, Kathy, Joel Hurttgam, Sandy, Levi & Alexandria, Gary Toops, Donna Kemper, Lisa & Beau, Craig Dahl, Genell Csik, Paul Cunningham, Paul Paustian, Dawit & Family (Ethiopia), Gaye Cornell, Dorothy, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Nancy, Mateo & Lina, Don, Atlas, Anthony, Steve, Margot Wilson, Rose, Will, Aaron Johnson, Sal, Katarina, Stephanie Jager, Parents, Healthcare workers & teachers.

LONG TERM: Biergiel—Colclough family, April McCalmont, Marty Nehring, Miller Mouw, Kyle Lapp, Shelby Volpi, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Dom, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Bobbie Erickson, Joyce, Susan Anderson, Jan Wagner, Richard C., Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Karin, Will, Chris, Pearl Runquist, Volpi & Robe Family, Cabel, Noah, Esdras, Immigrant families, The Homeless, People of Ukraine, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, Pastor Jim & Our Church Family, men & women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.

Serving Today

Reader: Elke Spires

Coffee Host: Connie Cunningham

Altar Guild: Connie Cunningham

Office helpers: Sheila Buswell & Sherilyn Jager



Provide Lunches for Volunteers

Tuesday, Feb. 27
(4th Tuesday of each month)

Contact the church office
if you can provide:
Sandwiches, Fruit, Chips or Cookies

Music at St. Stephen's



Greetings everyone.

I'm looking for a 3 or 4 drawer filing cabinet for the music room. If you have one in good condition, and feel like parting with it, please send it my way. I also need some help with re-organizing the music room. It is quite a mess. Please come **Feb. 24 at 10 am.**

Thank you very—very much.

Think about joining the: **GOOD NEWS SINGERS
& the EASTER CHORUS**

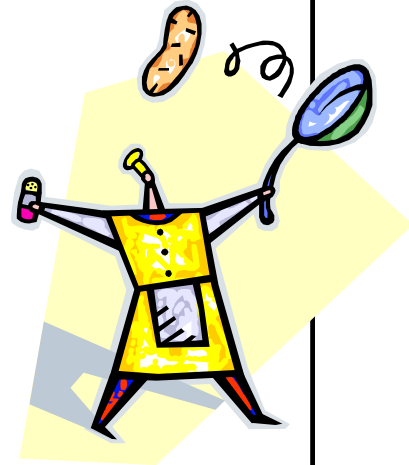
If you would like to be Part of the **EASTER PROCESSIONAL**, please talk to me. Plans are being made early this year for Lent, Holy week and Easter.

**TO LEARN MUSIC,
IS TO LEARN A WHOLE NEW LANGUAGE.**

Upcoming Events:

*February Benevolence: Assoc. of Faith Communities
(Rotating Shelter & safe places)*

Sign up Today Easter Breakfast
Volunteers needed.
Last chance, this event depends on YOU



Feb. 19	Preschool Closed
Feb. 20	Newsletter Deadline
Feb. 20	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
Feb. 22	Mens beginner A.A. 7:00 pm
Feb. 22	Preschool chapel 10:15 am
Feb. 12	Bible Study 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Feb. 23	A.A. 7:00 pm
Feb. 21	Lenten Wednesday 7:15 pm Worship 6:00 pm Souper Hosts: Margaret, Bill & Barb Rice
Feb. 24	Church Property work day 10 am
Feb. 28	Newsletter Collating 2:00 (help needed)
March 6, 13 & 20	Soup Hosts needed
March 14	MMRR Circle 10:30 am

Pastor's Office Hours Wed. & Thurs. 10:00 to 1:00

Our Mission Statement

St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community
Who worship God in Christ,
Nurture people growing in faith,
Serve others with acceptance and love,
And invite people to share the joy of the Spirit.

Reconciling in Christ Statement

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace.
We welcome all because God welcomes all,
regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation,
gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status.
We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or
mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances,
or anything that too often divides us.
Our unity is in Christ.

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